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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 1380

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOH ARMY AND DIPLOMATIC SHAKEUP

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1370

1. ARMY CHANGES REPORTED REFTEL REFLECT

COMPLETE SHAKEUP OF GENERAL STAFF, REMOVAL OF TOP LEADERSHIP

OF PORT AU PRINCE POLICE AND PURGE OF AIR CORPS OFFICERS

ASSOCIATED WITH CAMBRONNE/BYERS/AEROTRADE OPERATION. WITH

EXCEPTION COLONEL JEAN THOMAS WHO TRANSFERRED TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GENERAL STAFF (NOT A KEY POSITION) AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL

JEAN FILS-AIME WHO RELIEVED WITHOUT REASSIGNMENT, PRESIDENTIAL

GUARD RELATIVELY UNTOUCHED IN SHAKEUP. PRESIDENTIAL

GUARD CAPTAIN FRITZ ROMULUS WAS MOVED TO KEY POSITION OF COMMANDER

AND SECURITY CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. DESSALINES

BATTALION AND LEOPARDS COMPLETELY UNAFFECTED.

2. EX-CHIEF OF STAFF RAYMOND AND EX-POLICE CHIEF ROMAIN

WERE WIDELY REGARDED AS CORRUPT AND INEFFICIENT. BOTH GRACIA

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JACQUES AND LUC DESIR WANTED THEM OUT. THEY WERE ALSO PRIME

TARGETS OF ALLEGED COUP PLOTTERS. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THEIR REMOVAL SIMPLY REPRESENTS PRESIDENT'S LACK OF
CONFIDENCE IN THEM OR RESULTS FROM MANEUVERS BY DISSIDENT ELEMENTS.

3. KEY DIPLOMATIC CHANGES APPEAR TO REPRESENT DISPOSAL OF PEOPLE
WHOSE PRESENCE IS NO LONGER DESIRED IN PORT AU PRINCE.
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